



Press photo by Paul Hurschmann

The way VB area looked back then

Belleville Area Historical Museum official Fonie Butler checks out a new mural during its first day on display Monday. Belleville resident Chris Bentley supervised the completion of this 8- by 12-foot mural of the Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren area as it looked on a map between the years of 1850 and 1900. Several artists including Bentley contributed to the mural which was donated by the Bentley family and is on display in the museum in the old Quirk School on Quirk Road in Van Buren Township.

Crime blotter

Robber returns some vacation money to victim

A robber showed compassion to a 19-year-old Ypsilanti woman after he put a gun to her head and took money earmarked for a Florida trip last week in the 400 block of West Forest.

Police said the woman and her 21-year-old sister were loading their car with luggage when two men approached them, put a gun to the younger woman's head and demanded money.

The man took \$180 from the woman's purse, then asked where the pair were going. When told their destination, he returned \$100 to the woman, saying he was a student and understood what it was like to need money.

After pondering the situation for a moment, police said, the man gave the woman another \$40, saying he really only needed \$40.

Woman caught teaching daughter to steal

A 30-year-old Ypsilanti woman laughed, police said, when they caught her teaching her 14-year-old daughter to steal from K mart in Gault Village.

Michigan State Police troopers said store employees caught the pair switching price tags about 9 p.m. Monday, with the total of their attempted theft at \$76.

Man tries to swallow crack to avoid arrest

A 24-year-old Ypsilanti man swallowed a chunk of crack about 2 p.m. Tuesday, but Ypsilanti Police forced his mouth open and arrested him moments later.

An undercover officer spotted the man buying suspected crack from a man arrested Monday for dealing drugs. A patrol car was radioed to the scene.

The man put something in his mouth and appeared to be trying to swallow it when police approached the car. They

MADD arrest fo

LANSING (AP) — A state lawmaker's arrest on charge of driving under the influence shows the need for new facilities to treat drunken drivers, leaders of Mothers Against Drunk Driving said Tuesday.

Bethany Goodman stopped short of calling for Rep. Dennis M. Dutko, D-Warren, to resign if convicted, but said she doubts Dutko will be able to fairly represent his constituents on drunken driving and drug-related legislation.

"It's a very big disappointment to us when we see people in areas of responsibility such as legislators and other high government officials breaking the law," said the executive director of the state MADD chapter.

"I guess when he has his day in court, we hope, if the evidence is there for a conviction, at that time he will be given the appropriate sentencing to help him not repeat his behavior."